GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Eye Banks
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of eye banks existing in the country both Government and private run, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the illegal trafficking of eyes to foreign countries by private eye banks; and

(c) if so, the number of cases reported during last three years and the action taken thereon?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): As per the information made available by all State/UTs, a statement indicating the number of eye banks existing in the country, both Government and private run, State/UT-wise is annexed.

(b) & (c): Health being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State to monitor the activities of eye banks. No report has been received from States/UTs about the illegal trafficking of eyes to foreign countries by private eye banks during last three years.